



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8658**  
Nobuharu NOJI et al. : Docket No. 2001\_1929A  
Serial No. 10/034,373 : Group Art Unit 2823  
Filed January 3, 2002 : Examiner William D. Coleman

PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR PROCESSING WORKPIECE

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of October 6, 2003, Applicants hereby elect **Group I**, which is drawn to a processing apparatus and is embodied by claims 1-10, without traverse.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected group is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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